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1. TAN Kah Kee was appointed a member of the Preparatory Committee of the National People's Welfare and Relief Conference.
The meeting was scheduled to take place in March*, and 15 of the delegates were to be overseas Chinese.

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2. LIU Shao-ch'i, probably in his capacity as a Vice Chairman of the Chinese Communist government, sent TAN a letter of instructions concerning the conference. LIU's first stipulation was that the conference should be attended by representatives from the Public Safety Department. He further stated that the number of members appointed to the Preparatory Committee should not include too many "principal responsible persons" because they were already exceedingly busy. There should be more representatives from the masses who would be able to take part personally in relief work. The numbers of delegates to the conference were to be allotted as follows:

North China	35
Northeast China	25
Northwest China	15
Inner Mongolia	3
Central and South China	30
East China	45
Persons well-known for relief work	30
Southwest China	15
Central Government Departments	14
Overseas Chinese	15
National People's Organizations	16
Liberation General Association and Branches	20

Present total 263

The total number of delegates might be increased to 300.

3. According to a draft copy of the rules and regulations of the Chinese People's Welfare and Relief General Association (中國人民福利救濟總會), the object of the Association is to give assistance to

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the government in carrying out welfare and relief work throughout China. Rule 5 states that relief materials must be collected within China as well as from overseas Chinese. Aid from friendly international bodies and individuals will also be welcome. Rule 17 states that under the Standing Committee of the Association there shall be a Welfare Department and an Investigations and Relations Department, each under the charge of a director and a number of assistant directors. Branches of the Association are to be established in provincial capitals and various towns throughout China.

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- * [] Comment. On 5 May 1950 the New China News Agency broadcast from Peiping that a Chinese People's Relief Association had been formed at the All-China Representative Conference of Relief Workers, which had closed in Peiping at the end of April 1949. TAN Kah Kee was mentioned as a member of the Executive Committee.

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- ** [] Comment. This probably means important government officials.

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- *** [] Comment. The characters given for this organization or group of organizations - 解總和分會 - appear to be incomplete.

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